

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

**CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of a patient, the device comprising:

- a) a first substrate for adapted to support the back of the patient's head;
- b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck and wherein the second substrate defines an aperture with a reversible closure adapted to receive a tracheal tube imbedded in the patient without contacting the tracheal tube; and
- c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the third substrate is adapted to contact the patient's chest.

4. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first substrate defines an aperture to facilitate access to the patient's cervical spine area.

5. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first substrate, the second substrate and the third substrate are integrally molded to each other.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first substrate, the second substrate and the third substrate are transparent.

8. (Previously Presented) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of a patient, the device comprising:

- a) a first substrate adapted to support the back of the patient's head wherein said first substrate is in slidable communication with a pliable material adapted to contact an occipital skull region of the patient;
- b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck; and
- c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the third substrate is adapted to contact the patient's chest.

9. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 further comprising an arcuate-shaped substrate in pivotal communication with said second substrate whereby the arcuate-shaped substrate is adapted to receive the patient's chin.

10. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein said first substrate allows visual inspection of the patient's ears.

11. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein said third substrate is adapted to extend at least as low as the patient's second rib.

12.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein at least one substrate comprises cushioning materials.

- 1 16. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein at least one  
2 substrate comprises one or more tubes.
- 1 17. (Original) The device as recited in claim 9 wherein said arcuate substrate defines  
2 an angle with respect to the second substrate and wherein the device further  
3 comprises means to adjust said angle.
- 1 18. (Original) The device as recited in claim 9 wherein said arcuate substrate defines  
2 a distance with respect to the first substrate and wherein the device further  
3 comprises means to adjust said distance.
- 1 19. (Cancelled)
- 1 20. (Previously Presented) A device for simultaneously immobilizing a person's skull,  
2 cervical vertebrae, and mandible, the device comprising:  
3 a) a first substrate which is adapted to extend from an occipital region of the  
4 skull to the first thoracic vertebrae of the person;  
5 b) a second substrate communicating with the first substrate and extending  
6 in a direction anterior to the person, whereby the second substrate is  
7 adapted to encircle the neck of the person and wherein the second  
8 substrate defines an aperture having a removable continuous periphery;  
9 and  
10 c) a means for immobilizing the first and second substrates to a backboard.
- 1 21. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 further comprising one or  
2 more means for removably securing the device to a backboard.

1        22.    (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 21 wherein the securing  
2            means comprises an elongated substrate having a first end attached to the first  
3            substrate of the device and a second end adapted to be removably fastened to  
4            the backboard.